Dr. A. G. Menon.—Then comes the Mukundapuram Treasury defalcation case. Samprathy Mr. Ayyappan, District Registrar Mr. Narayana Puduval, who was in charge of the Treasury, were made to recoup the 2,000 rupees. Was any enquiry made?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes, a lot of enquiries.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What was the result? Whether the money was taken by them or whether there also some thief took it from the Treasury?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There was a Sessions trial and all that. They were responsible for the safe custody of the money. Mr. Ayyappan was prosecuted for departmental negligence. In the Sessions trial there was no evidence against him and he was let off.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—So he was honourably acquitted.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes. But then there is what is called departmental punishment. He has certain responsibilities. He is responsible for the safe custody of public money. There are certain rules that the Treasury Officer is responsibe for the safe custody, and he negiected his responsibility. The District Registrar and the Treasury Officer are both jointly responsible. So money was paid by these half and half within 24 hours, I believe.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Are there no defalcations during the years 1097 and 1098? Here only those from 1099 are given. May I know whether there was any defalcation in the year 1098?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—These are the only defalcations recorded in the defalcation register kept in my office.

Entertainment of Muslims in public service.

96. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) how many applications have been received from qualified Muslims for entertainment in public service during the last six months;

(b) how were those applications disposed of?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Six, so far as could be ascertained till now.

(b) Four applicants appointed. The remaining two registered but no appointment given yet.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Sir, after printing this answer, I have come to know that there were nine more applications from Muslims for appointment in the Education Department and those were appointed also in that Department.

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